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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Microsoft's monopoly over federal government computers is the source of both Bill Gates' wealth and the disastrous impact on productivity within the federal government as a "new operating system" is "introduced" every year, with its attendant need for more powerful computers, relearning all the software, patching over the millions of bugs, and the inability of older programs to read or work with the "newfangled super-duper" ones.

Microsoft should be prohibited from introducing new software until it has been fully tested for smooth operation and compatibility with previous programs, and should be required to provide every new program to the federal government FREE OF CHARGE, in appreciation for the billions they have already stolen from our tax money. In the meantime, the federal government should immediately issue a re-compete process on the full operating system, all results of which must be made public before purchasing or deciding on any standard whatsoever.

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